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1. BACKGROUND: NOVEMBER 1976, REPORT OF SYG ON UTILIZATION OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATIONS IN VIENNA (A/C.5/31/34 P13) OFFERED TO UNGA POSSIBILITY OF MOVING UN NARCOTICS ORGANIZATIONS FROM GENEVA TO VIENNA. DECEMBER 1976 REPORT OF ACABQ (A/31/452 P 3) ON REPORT OF SYG STATED THAT "....THE COMMITTEE WAS INFORMED THAT ALL COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE TRANSFER OF EXTRA-BUDGETARY STAFF TO VIENNA WOULD BE BORNE BY THE FUNDS CONCERNED." SUBSEQUENTLY, NOTING ACABQ REPORT, UNGA APPROVED (DEC. 22, 1976) MOVE OF NARCOTICS ORGANIZATIONS (RES 31/194 OF 22 DEC 1976). END BACKGROUND

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS AT LAST CND SESSION (FEB 1977), SECRETARIAT PROVIDED FOLLOWING ESTIMATES OF APPORTIONMENT OF ONE TIME COSTS OF MOVE OF NARCOTICS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ORGANIZATIONS TO VIENNA,IEXCLUSIVE RPT EXCLUSIVE OF ANY SPECIAL COSTS RELATING TO TRANSFER OF LABORATORY. TOTAL ESTIMATED COST WAS \$458,000 BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS: "ONE TIME COSTS OF THE TRANSFER OF THE DIVISION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS ARE ESTIMATED AT \$252,000; FOR THE SECRETARIAT OF THE INCB AT \$143,000; AND FOR THE SECRETARIAT OF UNFDAC AT \$63,000... THESE FIGURES INCLUDE THE COST OF TRAVEL

AND REMOVAL OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF; THE COST OF ACQUISITION OF FURNITURE AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT; AND THE ASSUMED PRO-RATA SHARE OF EACH UNIT IN THE ONE-TIME COSTS OF FURNISHING AND EQUIPING THE OVER-ALL PREMISES IN THE DONAUPARK." (FULL TEXT, INCLUDING ESTIMATED SAVINGS, AVAILABLE PP 102/3, REPORT ON 27TH SESSION OF CND).

3. IN LIGHT OF ACABQ STATEMENT, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT COSTS ALLOCATED TO FUND (\$63,000) INVOLVED TRANSFER OF 18 PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS FINANCED BY UNFDAC AT THAT TIME (7 FROM UNFDAC, 2 SUPPLIED BY UNFDAC TO INCB AND 9 SUPPLIED BY UNFDAC TO DND).

4. IN VIEW OF UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FUND AND UN LAB, THERE IS ALSO POSSIBILITY THAT FUND MAY BE EXPECTED TO PAY SOME OR ALL OF THE UNDOUBTABLY HIGH TRANSFER COSTS FOR THE LABORATORY. (ESTIMATES ON THESE COSTS ARE REPORTEDLY BEING PREPARED IN UNNY AND ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN GENEVA. AS INFORMED ESTIMATE PLACES THEM AROUND \$500,000 TO \$750,000). FUND MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO PAY PARTICULARLY FOR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR OPERATIONS FINANCED BY THE FUND, OR FOR MODIFICATIONS OF VIENNA FACILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO MEET SPECIAL SAFETY AND SITING REQUIREMENTS OF THE LABORATORY. US DEL INQUIRED ABOUT POTENTIAL FUND LIABILITY IN THESE MATTERS AT FEB 1977 CND MEETING, BUT RESPONSE PROVIDED BY SECRETARIAT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CND ON COSTS OF MOVE DID NOT ADDRESS THESE QUESTIONS.

5. REPORT OF LAST CND NOTES "MANY REPRESENTATIVES EX-PRESSED THEIR FIRM OPINION THAT NO COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE TRANSFER SHOULD BE BORNE OUT OF EXTRA-BUDGETARY RESOURCES; IN PARTICULAR NO FUNDS FROM UNFDAC SHOULD BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE..." (CND REPORT ON 27TH SESSION OF CND, P 103)

6. DESPITE CND'S CLEAR EXPRESSION OF VIEWS THIS SUBJECT, UNFDAC PERSONNEL POINT OUT THAT FINAL DECISION RE ALLOCATION OF COST OF MOVE WILL BE MADE BY UNNY. THEY NOTE THAT HEADQUARTERS NY PROVIDED APPORTIONMENT INFORMATION (PARA 3 ABOBE) AND MADE CLEAR ITS INTENTIONTO MANAGE THIS TOPIC. ANY APPROACH BY GOVERNMENT TO AFFECT DECISION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE THERE.SORENSON

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